Achievement of targets by PPF

2953. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the objective and purpose for which PPF was introduced;

(b) whether it is a fact that PPF has failed to fully meet the set goal;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) what measures are proposed to be taken to ensure that PPF fully meets its social objective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (d) The objective of constituting the Public Provident Fund (PPF) Scheme is to establish a provident fund for the general public. Fulfillment of the objective of the scheme is an ongoing process. The gross annual collections under the Scheme have increased from Rs. 10747 crore in 2001-02 to Rs. 16484 crore in 2004-05 (Provisional). The balances under the Scheme amount to Rs. 83461 crore as on 31.3.2005 (Provisional). Government has constantly been reviewing the scheme to make it investor friendly.

Loans to Unemployed Youths

†2954. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that banks take a lot of time in sanctioning the loans to unemployed youth under the Prime Minister Rojgar Yojana;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the number of cases of loan disbursement is not more than 60 per cent against the sanctioned cases and sanctioned amount is also not fully released in several cases; and

(c) the details of the action taken with regard to reviewing of each case and to avoid delay in sanctioning of loans keeping strict control over the functioning of its branches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) According to the information available from Reserve Bank of India (RBI), no specific instance of delay

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

in sanctioning the loans under PMRY have been received from States and beneficiaries. The position of loans sanctioned and disbursed by the implementing banks under PMRY for the last three years are given below:

(Rs. in lakh)

Programme Years	Target No.	Appl. Recd. No.	Sanctioned No.	Sanctioned Amt.	Disbursed No.	Disbursed Amt.
2002-03	356769	414001	228031	149699.81	190521	119847.37
2003-04	342542	436679	264012	167889.76	219444	136754.50
2004-05	402150	490085	296606	191038.26	237046	146025.00

It may be observed from the above data, the percentage of the total number of loans disbursed to the total number of loans sanctioned works out to 83.55% for 2002-03, 83.12% for 2003-04 and 79.92% for 2004-05.

(c) RBI and Government of India have initiated the following steps for improvement of performance under PMRY and other allied schemes:—

(i) Banks have been advised to carry out scrutiny of rejected applications by a higher authority from their controlling/Head Office.

(ii) Banks have been instructed to dispose of applications for loans up to Rs. 25,000 within 2 weeks and upto Rs. 2 lakh within 4 weeks, provided the loans applications are complete in all respects.

(iii) Time frames have been laid down for receipt of applications from the DICs to banks and thereafter sanction and disbursements of loans by banks.

(iv) Banks have been asked to issue "No dues certificate" whenever required, within 15 days, other-wise it is deemed to have been issued.

(v) Banks have been instructed to set-up training institutes jointly with the State Governments by utilizing the existing infrastructure of the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and Small Industries Service Institutes (SISIs).

(vi) State Governments have been advised to identify viable activities jointly with banks at the District level.

(vii) Discussions are held by concerned nodal Departments with the bank branches in Block Level Bankers' Committee (BLBC) meetings to ensure early sanction of pending applications.

(viii) Regular review meetings are held at District and State Levels to monitor the progress of these schemes.

Interest Paid on Foreign Loans

2955. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much loan the country has obtained from the World Bank and other International Financial Institutions during the last three years till date, agency-wise and year-wise;

(b) how much interest the country has paid back to the concerned International Financial Institutions till date, agency-wise and year-wise; and

(c) how much foreign loan is still required to be paid back till date including the interest which might accrue thereon, agency-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Details are furnished in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) Details are furnished in the enclosed Statement-II (*See* below).